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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN UNESCO DELEGATE'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. NORTH KOREAN UNESCO DELEGATE RI DONG HYUK CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 11, AND SOME 30 JOURNALISTS ATTENDED, INCLUDING AFP AND REUTERS CORRESPONDENTS. "HUMANITE" ALSO CARRIED A REPORT, WHICH WAS POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FEB 11. RI DISTRIBUTED NO HANDOUTS. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S JAN 25 PROPOSAL -- AND TO THE JAN 18 FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL SAFETY IN THE SOUTH -- WHICH THE JOURNALISTS INTERPRETED AS SIGNALING THAT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE WAS NOT DESIGNED TO PRESENT ANYTHING STARTLINGLY NEW.

2. AS QUOTED BY "HUMANITE", RI SAID: "WE DO NOT WISH TO IMPOSE SOCIALISM ON THE SOUTH. WE PROPOSE TRANSITIONAL STAGES FOR REUNIFICATION, NOTABLY THE CREATION OF A CONFEDERATION, THE REGIMES REMAINING WHAT THEY ARE IN THE NORTH AS IN THE SOUTH, WITH A COMMON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY WHICH WOULD DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNTRY AND WOULD PERMIT PUTTING INTO EFFECT ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA." HE ALSO SAID: "OUR GOVERNMENT IS READY TO DISCUSS, EVEN IF THE AMERICAN FORCES ARE STILL IN THE SOUTH."

3. ALTHOUGH ONE WIRE SERVICE REPORT STATES AND THE OTHER IMPLIES THAT, ACCORDING TO RI, THE DPRK IS PREPARED TO TALK WITH THE ROK, THE "HUMANITE" ARTICLE REFERS MERELY TO INTERLOCUTORS, UNSPECIFIED. WE CONSIDER THE "HUMANITE" ARTICLE MORE LIKELY TO BE ACCURATE. "HUMANITE" ALSO UNDERLINED THE ROLE OF THE US BY ENTITLING THE ARTICLE "THE WHITE HOUSE'S REALISM PUT TO THE TEST. WILL US TROOPS BE MAINTAINED IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY? PYONGYANG IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS." "HUMANITE", OF COURSE, STRESSED THE DPRK REQUIREMENT FOR A COMPLETE US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL.

4. COMMENT: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE USE OF THE WORD "REGIME" INSTEAD OF "SYSTEM," WE FIND RI'S FORMULATION (PARA 1) CLOSELY PARALLELS THAT IN YANG RYONG-SOP SPEECH OF JAN 25. YANG EXCLUDES A "FASCIST SYSTEM," AND SPEAKS OF AN ALLIANCE OF THE SOCIALIST FORCES IN THE NORTH AND THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN THE SOUTH, WHEREAS RI APPARENTLY MENTIONED NO SUCH SUBTLETIES. THE NORTH-SOUTH POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE (YANG) COULD BE CONSIDERED THE SAME AS THE COMMON CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY (RI). IF THE DPRK IS INDEED PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE ROK AND IF THE TWO "REGIMES" COULD BE KEPT IN PLACE DURING A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, THEN RI'S STATEMENT COULD BE CONSIDERED AN ADVANCE. HOWEVER, EVEN "HUMANITE" MAY NOT HAVE MASTERED THE NICETIES OF DPRK TERMINOLOGY; PERHAPS PYONGYANG WILL GIVE AN AUTHORITATIVE REPLAY.

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